GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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BACKLOG OF VACANCIES RESERVED FOR SCS/STS
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dr. Ambedkar Birth Centenary Celebrations Committee recommended to fill up the backlog of vacancies reserved for SCs/STs during 1993;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon since 1993 and results achieved thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of vacancies reserved for SCs/STs lying vacant as on January 1, 1993 in Class I, II, III and IV category under the Ministry of Power and its autonomous/statutory/attached offices; and

(e) the details of backlog of vacancies reserved for the SCs/STs in Class I, II, III and IV categories as on August 29, 1997?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a): No, Sir. Dr. Ambedkar Birth Centenary Celebration Committee only suggested the methodology to be adopted in situations where the backlog is very high and adequate number of candidates from the reserved communities with the prescribed qualification are not available. The methodology was to relax the minimum qualification and to make provision for giving them special training to enable them to perform their functions effectively.

(b) & (c): It would not be possible to give relaxation in the basic academic qualification as it is against the spirit of Article 235 of the Constitution.

(d) & (e): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.